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NEWS RELEASE

SAPD Officer-Involved Shooting

At around 10:15 this morning, San Antonio police officers responded to a disturbance at 13721 Wondering Oak on the city's North side. A witness told police that a husband, wife and two children reside at the residence and this morning the 43-year-old husband was seen crashing through the garage door in his vehicle and fleeing. When officers arrived, they found the 41-year-old wife in the house with her hands bound and murdered. No one else was found in the house.

Information was immediately release on the description of the husband and vehicle. It was unknown if the children were with their father in the vehicle and information on the children was also released. Around 1:15 PM an official Amber Alert was activated. Shortly after, information was received that the suspect may be returning to the crime scene. At that moment, 31-year-old Officer Danny McCumber, a 7-year veteran, was standing at the intersection of Auburn Oak and Wondering Oak when the suspect drove through the intersection. As Officer McCumber attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect hit the officer with his vehicle injuring the officer. The suspect continued on and drove over a curb onto his driveway.

Thirty-three year old Officer David Bierman, an 8-year veteran, saw the suspect drive onto the driveway and drew his service weapon and began ordering the suspect to raise his hands and to get out of the vehicle. The suspect refused and made an overt move by reaching over his left shoulder. Officer Bierman, fearing for his life, fired several times at the suspect.

The two children ages 10 and 11, male and female, respectively, were in the vehicle at the time of the shooting and were not harmed. They have been released to Child Protective Services. The names of the husband and wife will not be released until the next-of-kin have been notified.

Officer McCumber was injured in the traffic accident and was transported to Brooke Army Medical Center with non life-threatening internal injuries.

The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and forward their findings to the Chief of Police and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. Officer Bierman will be placed on Administrative Leave/Duty which is standard procedure in officer-involved shootings.

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